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SUBJECT: CODEL INOUE

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1. EMBASSY GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION PROVIDED REFTEL AND REGRETS THAT SENATORS HUMPHREY, GRIFFIN AND SCHWEIKER WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM THEM THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR VISIT AT LATER DATE.

2. REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WHICH MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE CAN PROCEED FURTHER. CODEL HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN ASKED TO BE GUEST OF GOE; EMBASSY, THEREFORE, MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH HOTELS AND AMERICAN EXPRESS (FOR ASWAN/LUXOR PORTION OF VISIT), WITH APPROPRIATE HELP FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHERE OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS OR VISITS TO GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREAS (CANAL & HIGH DAM) ARE INVOLVED. THIS MEANS WE ARE INCURRING EXPENSES ON BEHALF OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF PARTY PLUS TWENTY CREW MEMBERS WHO WE ARE TOLD BY U.S DAO WILL BE ABOARD SAM AIRCRAFT. WE NEED HAVE SOONEST, THEREFORE, FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE COSTS NOT COVERED BY 19FT510 FUNDS, SPECIFICALLY:

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(A) TRANSPORTATION: TRANSPORTATION FOR CODEL IN CAIRO AND

ON TRIP TO CANAL (SEE PARA 3 BELOW) WILL REQUIRE MINIMUM SEVEN CARS PLUS AIRCRAFT CREW BUS FOR TOTAL THREE DAYS. AT AVERAGE 40 DOLLARS PER DAY PER CAR TOTAL COST WILL BE MINIMUM OF DOLLARS 1,000. IS THIS KIND OF COST MENTIONED PARA THREE REFTEL? IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS OR THOSE WHO SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION. (FYI, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR SUCH LARGE GROUP WITHOUT PARALYZING ALL OTHER EMBASSY OPERATIONS. END FYI)

(B) ASWAN/LUXOR VISIT: IN ASWAN, ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY MFA FOR VISIT TO DAM AND PHILAE TEMPLES AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE EXPENSES THERE. IN LUXOR, COSTS FOR TWO NIGHTS AT NEW WINTER PALACE INCLUDING BOARD, PLUS SIGHT-SEEING AND TRANSPORTATION, WILL RUN \$75 PER PERSON ACCORDING TO ESTIMATE FROM AMERICAN EXPRESS. THIS APPLIES ALSO TO TWENTY MAN CREW AS THERE ARE NO OTHER FACILITIES AT LUXOR. LEAVING ASIDE THOSE COVERED BY 19FT510 FUNDS, WE WILL HAVE TO INCUR MINIMUM BILL OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR REST OF PARTY. PLEASE ADVISE HOW THIS IS TO BE FUNDED.

3. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY PROBABLY CANNOT ARRANGE HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. GIVEN EXTENDED TIME FOR TRIP BY CAR AND FACT THAT SOUND AND LIGHT PERFORMANCE IS IN ENGLISH ONLY ON SUNDAY EVENING, CODEL SHOULD INDICATE PREFERENCE FOR FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE ITINERARIES FOR JANUARY 19:

(A) CAIRO TO SUEZ (TOUR OF RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS) - TL BARLEV LINE (TOUR) - TO ISMAILIA (CTF 65 BRIEFING) AND RETURN TO CAIRO WITH ONLY TIME TO DRESS BEFORE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DINNER, OR

(B) CAIRO - TO SUEZ - TO ISMAILIA - TO CAIRO WITH RETURN IN TIME FOR ATTENDANCE AT SOUND AND LIGHT BEFORE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY DINNER.

4. EMBASSY NEEDS HAVE ANSWERS TO ABOVE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 13 IN ORDER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

5. CODEL SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, ACCORDING LATEST PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTS, KING FEISAL WILL BEGIN VISIT TO EGYPT JAN 18 AND WILL MEET WITH SADAT IN ASWAN. EMBASSY STILL EXPECTS THAT SADAT WILL WISH TO SEE CODEL, ALTHOUGH CONCEIVABLY MEETING MAY BE SET UP IN ASWAN.
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